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The Solomon Island Edible Ornamental Gourd



This is a new vegetable and is almost unknown in the United States. In Australasia it has various names, the most common of which is the Guada Bean, but it is not a bean, it belongs to the gourd family.

It is one of the most appetizing vegetables back there. It is easily grown, and requires very little care, and will be in full bearing three months after planting, but they must have warm or hot weather and plenty of water.

The vine is a climber, the leaves are large and lobed, the flowers white, with filaments, are scented and look like a large beautiful orchid.

The gourds are of the thickness of a man's wrist and grow to a length of five and six feet. They assume various shapes.

some straight, some bent and coiled like large snakes ready to strike. Their color is green with white stripes, but when over-ripe some will be yellow, some purple and others a deep copper red. They make a very rare and attractive appearance.

The "Cottage Farmer" says it is one of the most appetizing vegetables grown, combining the flavor of the cucumber with that of the finest French beans. They are splendid; no peeling, no strings, no trouble.

For cooking, it should be cut before it reaches the first stages of ripeness. Scrape well and cut into 3 to 6 inch lengths and slice into shreds, or cut into cubes or rings, and place in slightly salted water for one hour, then put into boiling water and boil for 10 minutes or so until soft, then strain through a colander and serve hot. Overcooking is fatal to the delicate flavor. Another way to cook is to cut into lengths and stuff with sausage meat or mince and fry with a plate over the pan during first half of cooking.

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